



Regional News

Region 9

WE DID IT!

Those were Jane Garbish's words as she began to report a recent successful First Responder event on Sapelo Island. One of their island residents was caught between an oak tree and a blade of a front end loader, severing his leg above the knee. While Lifestar was on their way, everyone remained calm and caring. Blankets and supplies "appeared out of nowhere", Jane said. In the middle of it all she looked up and saw the heroes in her community and was in awe of their courage and commitment. She proudly wrote, "We have all been traumatized by the injury to one of our family, but we are not saying if only we had ... (or) we should have ... GA EMS is the best state agency around ... THANK YOU".

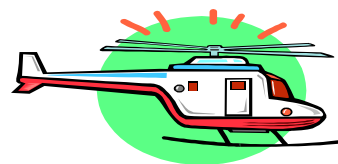
Jane Garbish, EMT began the First Responder program on Sapelo Island which is on the coast of Georgia.



Region 1

"For the sake of the child"

Dr. Paul Brock was the trauma surgeon on call for Floyd Medical Center (FMC) the day a severely injured five year old patient arrived after being involved in motor vehicle crash. The CT scan revealed injuries to the patient's spleen, liver and spinal cord. Dr. Brock cancelled all of his scheduled appointments and surgeries for the day to remain an integral member of the care team. After speaking with the trauma surgeon at Children's Healthcare of Atlanta, he decided that his patient needed to be flown to Atlanta for specialized pediatric treatment. Due to the patient's critical condition, Dr. Brock obtained special clearance to fly to Atlanta with his patient. He unselfishly remained by his patient's side. When asked by the FMC staff why he decided to fly, his answer was at once simple and profound: He said he had to for the sake of the child.



To tell us about an outstanding physician, nurse, paramedic, EMT, cardiac tech or first responder in your region, write to mprobst@gdph.state.ga.us.

Welcome Newcomers / Announcements

Judy McDaniel, Trauma Nurse Coordinator for North Fulton Regional Hospital

Cindy Holman, Trauma Registrar for Floyd Medical Center

Brendall Collins, Clinical Nurse Specialist for Medical College of Georgia.

Dennis Lockeridge, Region III EMS Coordinator retired December 31, 2003.

Marty Billings is the new Region III EMS Coordinator effective January 1, 2004. His office and staff will soon reside at the 2600 Skyland Center location in Atlanta.

Earl McGrotha is the EMS Coordinator for Regions 2 and 10.

If you have news you would like to share, please forward the information to:

Marie Probst at mprobst@gdph.state.ga.us to be included in the next issue.

Upcoming EMS Events

EMS

Georgia EMS Legislative Reception

Make plans to attend this important event sponsored by the Georgia Association of EMT's and EMS Directors Association of Georgia, Thursday, February 26, 2004 5:00 pm —8:00 pm at the Georgia Railroad Freight Depot. For more information and to RSVP contact the State Office of EMS at 404-679-0547, Tim Genest at tgenest938@aol.com or Tommy Knight at tknight@midgeorgiaambulance.com.

Perinatal Conference

February 27 & 28 in Atlanta. For information, visit the web at <http://med.emory.edu/PEDIATRICS/Transport%20Conference.htm>.



2004 CHANGES

The 2004 CHANGES Conference is scheduled for March 29 (workshops), 30, and 31 at the Radisson Riverwalk Hotel and Conference Center in Augusta. The EMS Conference has something for everyone (prehospital providers, nurses, physicians, leadership and those interested in the public health track). CEU's will be awarded. Lunch and breaks are provided for each conference day. In addition, each participant will receive a conference brief case and shirt. For additional information and registration fees visit the CHANGES@region6EMS website or call 706-667-4336.

2004 EMS Awards Banquet

The Georgia Association of EMTs, Inc. is sponsoring the event on Thursday, May 13, 2004 at the Macon Coliseum & Centreplex, from 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM. Nomination forms for outstanding performance and dedication are available through the Regional EMS Coordinators or contact the State Office

of EMS/Trauma at 404-679-0547. For information and reservation fee contact Richard Roberts, President of the EMT Association at 229-432-1313 or at darin@surfsouth.com.

2nd Annual EMS-C Pediatric Conference June 2 & 3 in Gainesville, Georgia. Conference brochure will be available Early 2004. Contact Kelly Buddenhagen for information.

Next EMS Council Meetings and contacts:

Region 1—April 15th, David Loftin
Region 2—March 18th, Earl McGrotha*
Region 3—February 19th, Marty Billings
Region 4—April 20th, Billy Watson
Region 5—TBA, Chris Threlkeld
Region 6—TBA, Lawanna Mercer-Cobb
Region 7—March 11th, Sam Cunningham
Region 8—April 15th, Robert Vick
Region 9—April 22nd, Shirley Starling
Region 10—March 10th, Earl McGrotha*

BTLS at The Medical Center in Columbus

For prehospital providers. Contact the Region 7 EMS Office at 706-321-6150 or srcunningham@gdph.state.ga.us.

Regional EMS Coordinator News

Lawanna Mercer-Cobb reported from Region VI that twenty paramedics from the East Central Health District attended the Basic Disaster Left Support (BDLS) and Advance Disaster Life Support (ADLS) programs held in Augusta on January 15, 16, 17.

BDLS is an 8 hour didactic program designed to teach the core concepts of disaster management including: Disaster Paradigm, M-A-S-S triage, Emergency Response Guide, Natural Disasters, Trau-

matic and Explosive Events, Chemical Events, Biological Events, Nuclear and Radiological Events, PPE and Decon.

ADLS is a 2 day didactic/hands on practical application of the concepts learned in BDLS. ADLS practical stations include: M-A-S-S triage and incident command, Disaster Skills station, PPE and Decontamination, and Human Patient Simulations. High fidelity manikin simulators are used to practice the treatment of weapons of mass destruction (WMD)

casualties.

Those attending the BDLS and ADLS also participated in the instructor workshop on January 18th.



State Office EMS News

Budgets and Contracts section:

Update on Vendor Day! - Jennifer Benoskie reported that not all of the requisitions have been received to date. Purchase orders will be compiled and submitted for a tentative shipment date in February.

EMS-C section:

Kelly Buddenhagen's EMS-C section is rolling out a new daycare program titled, Emergency Firstcare and Injury Prevention.

Several train the trainer sessions have been held across the state. This program was developed to meet the needs of childcare providers in Georgia. It provides resources, education, and suggested implementation on making a daycare facility safe.

Nominations are requested for the Joseph E. Simon Pediatric Award of Excellence.

Emergency Guidelines for Schools and the STARKids programs are spreading

throughout counties in Georgia. If your county is not involved yet, contact Kelly Buddenhagen.

For more information regarding any of the EMS-C activities, please contact Kelly Buddenhagen at kmbuddenha-gen@gdph.state.ga.us.

Upcoming Trauma Events

Trauma

Triangle Lecture Series

"Significance of Trauma System Development to Public Health and Emergency Preparedness", Wednesday, January 28, 2003 at the Neil Hodgson Woodruff School of Nursing. Please RSVP to triangle@sph.emory.edu. The Triangle Lecture Series is sponsored by Rollins School of Public Health's Center for Public Health Preparedness and Research. For more information, please see <http://www.sph.emory.edu/CPHPR/>

3rd Annual Georgia Trauma Conference

presented by the Trauma Associates of Georgia will be on February 9-10, 2004 at the Marriott Atlanta Century Center in Atlanta. Register online at www.signup4.com/GorgiaTraumaConference/

2nd Annual Day of Trauma Conference

Columbus Regional Healthcare System will present a full day of trauma related topics provided by speakers from the local community as well as guest speakers from other trauma centers. Registration is \$30.00 and includes 6 hours of CEU's, cont. breakfast and lunch. Watch for brochures in March! For more information, contact Cathy Maxwell at cathy.maxwell@crhs.net.

Trauma Lecture Series

Held on the 2nd Wednesday of each month in the Conference Center at The Medical

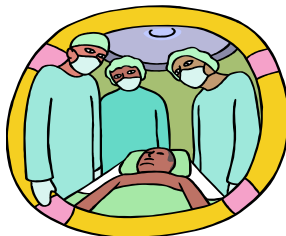
Center in Columbus at approx. 12:30pm. Lunch is provided. The lectures feature speakers with extensive experience in their field of practice who present trauma specific topics that the local audience has requested. Come and listen to earn your 1.2 CEU. The next lecture will be on February 18th. The featured speaker will be Jocelyn S. Hill, RN, MSN, FNP from the Joseph Still Burn Center in Augusta, Ga. For more information, contact Cathy Maxwell at cathy.maxwell@crhs.net.

Next Trauma Coordinator Meeting:

March 31, 2004 11:00 –3:00 in The Skyland Center upper level conference room.

31st National Trauma Conference, sponsored by the American Trauma Society.

"Injury Prevention: From Research to Practice", Key Bridge Marriott, Arlington, Va. April 30—May 2, 2004. Contact ATS at 1-800-556-7890/301-420-4189 or www.amtrauma.org



The Trauma Beat

The Washington Grantee Conference

was attended by Dr. Pat O'Neal and Renee Morgan, January 12—15, 2004. This annual meeting provides updates and resources for states with HRSA trauma system grants. Some of the items covered were the addition of pediatric designation guidelines to the new ACS "gold book", the TOPICS program, and a web based state profile resource tool created by HRSA.

Mary Beth Bowns Excellence in Trauma Care Award.

The award will be presented at the EMS Awards Banquet. Submit nomination form to Renee Morgan by April 2, 2004. To obtain a form, please contact Renee Morgan at rwmorgan@gdph.state.ga.us or 404-679-0547.

Trauma Program

Web Based Survey Factoids

Participants included:

8 Trauma Coordinators

4 Other

2 Physicians

1 Chief Executive Officers

This is a sample of the results from the survey.

- All participants agreed the State Trauma Program benefits their facility and the facility plans to continue to participate.
- Most agreed that changes are needed to the State Trauma Program.
- Most agreed that the trauma coordinator meetings are the right length.
- Most agreed that the trauma coordinator meetings do not contain the right type of educational content.

Trauma Registry FAQ's and Tips

What do I enter on the ED admissions screen if I am missing the ED arrival time?

Record the time the initial vital signs were recorded whether the patient was seen in the ED or directly admitted.

If the ED arrival time was not recorded or the original record cannot be located, NTRACS recommends entering 00:01 as the ED arrival time. If the registration time is reliable, you may decide to enter the registration time.

What is the benefit of linking my facilities hospital information system to the trauma registry?

One can import demographic, insurance type, charge data and reimbursement data. Contact NTRACS tech support for additional information and IT requirements.

How can I obtain additional training on how to use the trauma registry?

- 1) Marie Probst, State Trauma Registrar is available to provide one on one training as needed. Please contact Marie at 404-679-0544 or at

mprobst@gdph.state.ga.us.

- 2) Attend a NTRACS training class. Contact NTRACS tech support for a schedule of locations, dates and fees.





3rd Quarter Preliminary State Trauma Registry Data

Data is preliminary data and subject to change without notice.

January 1—September 30, 2003
14:14 centers reporting

Total records received: 7182

Age:

Birth to 2.0	186	2.59%
2 –5	306	4.26%
6—17	1222	17.01%
18—29	1701	23.68%
30—49	2155	30.01%
50—69	1015	14.13%
>=70	504	7.02%
Not Available	93	1.29%

Gender:

Male	4862	67.70%
Female	2315	32.23%
Not Available	5	0.07 %

Race:

White	3839	53.45%
Black	2454	34.17%
Hispanic	595	8.28%
Not available	125	1.74%
Other	97	1.35%
Asian	58	0.81%
Not Recorded	9	0.13%
American Indian	5	0.07%

Mechanism of Injury:

Blunt	6136	85.44%
Penetrating	1005	13.99%
Burn	36	0.50%
Not Available	5	0.07%

Place of injury:

E849.0 Home	1150
E849.1 Farm	27
E849.3 Quarry/mine	216
E849.4 Recreation	291
E849.5 Street/hwy	3590
E849.6 Public bldg	124
E849.7 Residential inst.	77
E849.8 Other specified loc	183
E849.9 Unspecified	1524

Chief Complaint:

MVC	2636
Fall	1468
GSW	612

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Mtrcycle	478
Pedestrian	395
Assault	307
Accident/Other mech	296
Stab Wound	211
ATV	155
Bicycle	141
Struck, non-MV related	123
Sports	85
Animal	68
Machine	57
Not Available	47
Abuse	38
Burn	35
Fight/brawl	13
Hanging	5
Rape	5
Aircraft	3
Electrical	3
Not Recorded	1

Mode of Arrival:

Ambulance	5228
Helicopter	1148
Walk	653
Police	3
Other	6
Not Recorded	12
Not Available	132

Arrived From:

Scene	4931
Referring Hosp	1648
Home	261
Clinic/MD office	35
Not Recorded	19
Nursing Home	10
Jail	9
Urgent Care	9
Supervised Living	1
Not Available	259

Admitting Service:

Trauma Surgery	4355
Orthopedics	1103
Neurosurgery	496
General Surgery	251
Not Available	225
General Pediatrics	164
Emergency	147
Plastic Surgery	118
Medicine	86
Other Surg Svc.	86
Other Med.Svc.	64
Ophthalmology	27
ENT	24

Urology	11
Vascular Surg.	8
Hand-Ortho Surg.	7
Burn Care	3
Thoracic Surg.	5
Cardiology	1
Not Recorded	1

ED Disposition:

Floor	2669
ICU	2211
OR	1596
Death	223
Home	177
Transfer to other trauma center	146
Telemetry Bed	107
Not Available	41
Transfer to other hospital	12

Avg. Hospital LOS: 6.99 days

Avg. ICU LOS: 3.43 days

Avg. ISS: (auto calc) 12.28

Hospital Disposition:

Home	5268
Rehabilitation	686
Death	547
Transfer	344
Nursing Home	136
Jail	85
Transfer to Trauma Ctr	75
Incomplete Tx/AMA	36
Not Available	5

Reminder:

4th Quarter Trauma Registry download date range is January 1—December 31, 2003, due on March 10, 2004.

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